

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [33] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[33] The water supplying duct 40 is connected between a top portion of the circulation duct 20 and the feed water valve 10. The water supplying duct 40 is used as follows. ~~An air~~ Air discharged from the air outlet 20c of the circulation duct 20 to dry the laundry in the inner tub 5 is discharged through the openings 5a and enters the inlet/outlet 20d of the circulation duct 20. This air tends to be hot and humid and is recirculated back to the inner tub 5 through the air outlet 20c. But, since the recirculation of this hot and humid air back to the inner tub 5 through the air outlet 20c provides a poor drying efficiency, the moisture in the hot and humid air needs to be removed before this air re-enters the inner tub 5. To accomplish this task, external water is supplied to an upper part of an inner wall of the circulation duct 20 via the feed water valve 10 and the water supplying duct 40. Then, this water makes heat exchange with the hot and humid air being recirculated through the circulation duct 20 as the water flows down along the inner walls of the circulation duct 20. This process condenses the water vapors in the hot and humid air. The condensed water is drained out of the washing machine 100 through the inlet/outlet 20d, a bottom of the outer tub 3 and the drain duct 11 under control of the drain ~~value~~ valve 13.